

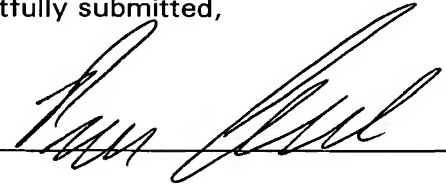
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pag 1, paragraph following "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS":

This is a Continuation Application of Serial No. 10/316,046, filed December 11, 2002, which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/939,731, filed August 28, 2001, which is a Continuation Application of PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/07410, filed December 28, 1999, which was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.